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Source learned in December 1952, that beginning January 1953, new identity cards would be issued in East Germany. The identity cards will be issued by district; and government employees, as well as all persons processing important political, economic, or military material, will receive them in lieu of personal identity cards. This will enable checking agencies to make surveillance of persons on trips, at crossing stations of the Berlin elevated railroad, and at subways which are located close to the west sectors. Source learned further that the issuance of authorization permits for entry into western sectors of Berlin is under discussion at government offices.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The issuance of new identity cards was previously reported in the fall of 1952.

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